



JP/AF

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q64574

Hirobumi AOKI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/869,142

Group Art Unit: 1652

Confirmation No.: 1209

Examiner: Christian L. FRONDA

Filed: June 26, 2001

For: NOVEL RHODOCOCCLUS BACTERIUM, NITRILASE GENE, NITRYL HYDRATASE GENE AND AMIDASE GENE FROM RHODOCOCCLUS BACTERIUM, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CARBOXYLIC ACIDS USING THEM

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the telephonic interview conducted on March 9, 2005 between Examiner Christian L. Fronda, and attorney for Applicants, Mark L. Hayman:

REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTOL-413) was provided by the Examiner, and is dated March 9, 2005 (see Fax cover sheet).

During the interview, the following were discussed.

1. No exhibits were shown or demonstrations conducted.
2. Claims 8, 10, 11, 60-62, and 64-72 were discussed.
3. No art was discussed.
4. No amendments were proposed or arguments discussed.

5. Pertinent matters discussed and results of interview: The Examiner withdrew the finality of the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, and indicated that no further response was necessary from Applicants. The Examiner also indicated that withdrawn claims 62 and 64-71 will be rejoined and examined with claims 8, 10, 11, 60, 61, and 72.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

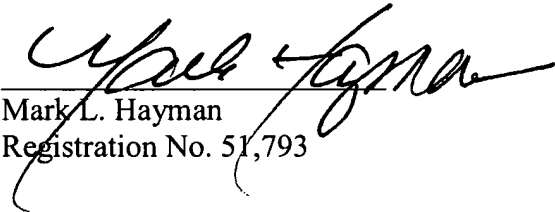
Respectfully submitted,

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC
Telephone: (202) 293-7060
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE

23373

CUSTOMER NUMBER


Mark L. Hayman
Registration No. 51,793

Date: March 10, 2005